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SUMMARY: IN FEBRUARY 28 NAC, LUNS GAVE HIGHLY FAVORABLE, PRE-
LIMINARY REPORT ON HIS U.S. VISIT. END SUMMARY

1. LUNS OPENED AFTERNOON COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 28 WITH BRIEF
REPORT OF HIS U. S. VISIT AND PROMISE TO GO INTO GREATER DETAIL
AT MARCH 4 PERMREPS LUNCH.

2. LUNS RECITED SCHEDULE OF HIS MEETINGS DURING FOUR DAY IN
WASHINGTON WITH HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH DAY AS FOLLOWS:

-- FIRST DAY. LUNS MENTIONED HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR
RUMSFELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND REPORTED THAT AMBASSADOR
WISHED TO BE REMEMBERED TO HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES ON THE
COUNCIL. LUNS ADDED THAT, ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD
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HAS "1600 PEOPLE WORKING FOR HIM,"HE STILL WORKS A
7 A.M. TO 8 P.M. DAY. LUNS ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY
ON THE "HUGE NATO STAR" DISPLAYED IN AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD'S
OFFICE. PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, LUNS

HAD TALKED FOR NEARLY AN HOUR AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. BOTH ON THIS OCCASION AND IN TWO SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS AND AT LUNCH, SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD INDICATED HIS CONTINUING INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE. LUNS DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AS MOST CORDIAL AND HE NOTED BOTH THE PRESIDENT'S DEDICATION TO THE ALLIANCE AND DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF ITS AFFAIRS. LUNS SAID HE HAD A LONG AND INTERESTING SESSION WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, AND HIS MEETING WITH GEN BROWN AND LUNCHEON WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS HAD ALSO PERMITTED A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. HIS EVENING APPEARANCE ON THE AGRONSKY TELEVISION SHOW HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO REBUT--AND LUNS THOUGHT IN A SUCCESSFUL WAS-- SOME RATHER ISOLATIONIST VIEWS.

-- SECOND DAY. LUNS SAAID SECOND DAY OPENED WITH A CHANCE MEETING IN FRONT OF THE HILTON HOTEL WITH PRESIDENT FORD WHO HAD "KIND WORDS" ABOUT HIS TV APPEARANCE THE PREVIOUS EVENING. LUNS THEN HAD A PRODUCTIVE MORNING COFFEE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANOTHER MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, FOLLOWED BY THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON. IN THE AFTERNOON, LUNS MET WITH UK AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

-- THIRD DAY. LUNS SAID HE HAD HAD USEFUL MEETINGS WITH SECNAV MIDDENDORF, ADMIRAL KIDD, CHIEF OF THE NAVAL MATERIEL COMMAND, WITH EPA ADMINSTRATOR TRAIN, WITH POL/MIL DIRECTOR VEST AND WITH ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE. LUNS ALSO MENTIONED INTERESTING LUNCHEON WITH MEMBERS OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC STUDIES INSTITUTE.

-- FOURTH DAY. LUNS MET WITH SENATORS SPARKMAN, CASE AND HUMPHREY, AND BRIEFLY SAW SENATOR MANSFIELD WHO NOTED HIS OWN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE HE BELIEVES NATO HAS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. LUNS SAID HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED A MOST INTERESTING BRIEFING FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON.

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3. LUNS REFERRED TO THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE WHITE HOUSE AFTER HIS CALL ON THE PRESIDENT WHICH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INVITED PERMREPS TO VISIT WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE. LUNS SAID DATES HAVE NOT BEEN SET BUT HE WAS CERTAIN THE COUNCIL LOOKED FORWARD TO THIS OCCASION.

4. IN HIS CLOSING REMARKS, LUNS SAID HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE WEIGHT GIVEN NATO IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. THIS WAS BORNE OUT IN ABOVE STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT, BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, AND BY SENATOR MANSEFIELD. IN ADDITION TO HIS TELEVISION APPERANCE ON THE AGRONSKY SHOW, LUNS SAID HIS PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO BEEN TELEVISED. FOR HIS PART,

LUNS HOPED HIS U.S. VISIT HAD PRODUCED POSITIVE RESULTS FOR THE
ALLIANCE.CMAULIFFE

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